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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: METHOD FOR TREATING CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed in the above-captioned case on January 17, 2001 (Paper No. 12), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

In general, the invention provides methods of treating or preventing congestive heart failure by administering a polypeptide encoded by a neuregulin gene including an epidermal growth factor-like (EGF-like) domain to a mammal.